

Summary of "This is How We Can Prevent Further Spread  
of International Communism" by Iwao Oyama

It is Mr. Oyama's thesis that most of the Asian and African countries must make a critical decision: Will economic development be sought by communist or capitalist methods? These countries need capital for industrialization, which they view as essential for national independence and improved standards of living. The USSR and Communist China show their leaders one way of obtaining this capital, namely, through collectivized agriculture and the forced savings of the peasantry. Local Communists in the Asian and African countries gain a hearing and often popularity by championing land reform, a cause which has a universal appeal to the masses longing to be free farmers. Mr. Oyama believes that to save these countries from Communism the industrialized nations of the Free World must help them to carry out land reform. He proposes that this be done by long-term, low-interest loans for the purpose of buying out the domestic and foreign landlords. Then the former landlords "will be advised and urged to invest the funds in industrialization." It is Mr. Oyama's contention that economic aid can thus accomplish the two requisite measures to thwart Communism, land reform and industrialization, and can also benefit the donors by stimulating and enlarging their trade with the developing nations. He believes that Japan must be an

important contributor to this general program, but he foresees that most of the help must come from the United States. He advocates, therefore, that US foreign aid for the Asian-African countries concentrate on the two objectives of land reform and industrialization.

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Mr. Iwao Oyama



Dear Mr. Oyama:

*Most kindly*

Thank you for sending me a copy of your article setting forth  
a program to prevent the further spread of Communism in Asian and  
African countries. *IP I HAVE YOUR ARTICLE*  
~~It has been~~ circulated to several officers of my  
organization whose comments reveal a general agreement with your  
analysis and a sympathetic interest in your proposals. ~~Although the~~  
~~responsibility for the American foreign aid program rests with other~~  
~~departments of this government, I feel sure that they will find your~~  
~~paper of considerable value.~~

Please permit me to commend you for your efforts in a cause  
that vitally affects the welfare of both our countries.

Sincerely yours,

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REMARKS  Attached is a summary of the Oyama article and a suggested draft for a reply from DCI. Unless it seems inadvisable to reply to a communication of this sort, we would recommend that some acknowledgment be sent. Possibly the Director would be interested in seeing the summary. [REDACTED]		
<i>No reply deemed necessary.</i>		
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